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SUBJ: OFFICIAL DELEGATION ON INFLUENZA

- 1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEX RECEIVED TODAY FROM O. KORSHIN, DIRECTOR, US-USSR HEALTH EXCHANGE, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT. AN 8-MAN DELEGATION IN INFLUENZA WILL BE VISITING THE USSR IN FEBRUARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING INFGUENZA AS A MAJOR COLLABORATIVE AREA UNDER THE US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT. THIS DHEW-SPONSORED DELEGATION IS HEADED BY DR. WILLIAM JORDAN (NOT A USG EMPOYEE). JORDAN IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR 'MINUTES OF MEETING' WHICH IS CUSTOMARY ON SUCH DELEGATIONS. THIS DELEGATION IS UNUSUAL, HOWEVER, IN THAT IT ARRIVES DIRECTLY IN LENINGRAD. THE SOVIETS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THE DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE SIGNED IN LENINGRAD BEFORE THE DELEGATION PROCEEDS TO MOSCOW. OUR QUESTION IS: IN MOSCOW IT IS CUSTOMARY TO HAVE DR. TECH AND THE DELEGATION CHAIRMAN GO OVER THE DOCUMENT BEFORE SIGNING--WHO CAN HELP THE DELEGATION DO THIS IN LENINGRAD? WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD DESIGNATE A CONTACT, AT THE AMCONSULATE. DELEGATION ARRIVES 17 FEB 1640 HRS BEA 674 AND WILL BE MET BY SOVIET HOSTS. DEPARTS FOR MOSCOW ON 24 FEB. APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY. END TEXT.
- 3. SINCE THIS MESSAGE NOT SENT THROUGH DEPT AND INVOLVES A US GOVERNMENT AGENCY, WE ARE NOT REPLYING TO IT DIRECTLY (REF STATE 247735). CONGEN WILL ASSIST WITH THIS DELEGATION IF IT UNCLASSIFIED

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